## We claim:

1	1. A system for sharing information about an active content of a
2	sender peer with a recipient peer, comprising:
3	a sender peer comprising:
4	a first application module, for activating and outputting active content
5	from a data file;
6	a first chat module, communicatively coupled to the first application
7	module for sending information about the active content; and
8	a recipient peer comprising:
9	a second chat module, communicatively coupled to the first chat
10	module, for receiving and outputting the information about the
11	active content active on the sender peer.
1	2. The system of claim 1, wherein the second chat module further
2	comprises a client module for requesting a stream of the active content and the first chat
3	module further comprises a server module for sending the stream of active content in
4	response to the request.
1	3. The system of claim 2, the recipient peer further comprises a
2	second application module for automatically activating the active content stream.
1	4. The system of claim 3, wherein the stream is substantially
2	synchronized with a portion of the active content currently active to the first application
3	module.

1	5. The system of claim 4, wherein the second application module
2	allows active content playback control independent from the synchronized stream.
1	6. The system of claim 1, wherein the active content information
2	comprises a unique identifier.
1	7. The system of claim 6, wherein the recipient peer further
2	comprises a content information database, and the second chat module is configured to
3	use the unique identifier to retrieve local active content information from the content
4	information database.
1	8. The system of claim 6, wherein the recipient peer uses the unique
2	identifier to retrieve active content information from an active content enhancement
3	server.
1	9. The system of claim 1, further comprising an active content
2	enhancement server, communicatively coupled to the second chat module, for providing
3	supplements related to the active content.
1	10. The system of claim 9, wherein the content enhancement server
2	further comprises a content transaction module for processing a purchase related to one
3	or more sources containing the active content.
1	11. The system of claim 9, wherein the active content enhancement
2	server further comprises a content supplement database containing supplemental
3	information related the active content.

2	containing prev	views r	elated to the one or more sources containing the active content, and
3	the active supp	lement	database streams an active content preview to the recipient peer
4	responsive to re	eceivin	g a unique identifier.
1		13.	The system of claim 9, wherein the sender peer and the recipient
2	peer are comm	unicati	vely coupled through a first network, and the recipient peer and the
3	content enhanc	ement	server are communicatively coupled through a second network.
1		14.	The system of claim 9, wherein the sender peer further comprises a
2	content reposite	ory for	storing content activated by the first application module.
1		15.	The system of claim 9, wherein the first application module
2	comprises a fir	st medi	ia player, the second application module comprises a second media
3	player, and a fi	le form	nat of the active content is compatible with the second application
4	module.		
1		16.	The system of claim 15, wherein the active content comprises an
2	active media.		
1		17.	The system of claim 16, wherein the active media comprises one
2	from the group	consis	ting of an audio file and a video file.
1		18.	The system of claim 1, wherein the information comprises a title
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1		19.	The system of claim 1, wherein the first chat module is an instant

The system of claim 9, further comprising a content repository

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1	20. The system of claim 1, wherein a display of the first chat module is
2	integrated within a display of the first application module.
1	21. The system of claim 1, wherein the first chat module sends updated
2	active content information to reflect a change of active content.
1	22. A method for sharing information about an active content of a first
2	peer with a second peer, comprising:
3	activating media content from a data file at a sender peer;
4	sending real time information about the active media content from the sender
5	peer to a recipient peer through a chat network connection responsive
5	to detecting active media content on the sender peer; and
7	receiving and outputting information about the active media content at the
3	recipient peer.
l	23. The method of claim 22, further comprising:
2	streaming the active media content from the sender peer to the recipient peer.
1	24. The method of claim 23, further comprising:
2	activating the active media content stream substantially in real time with the
3	activated media content at the recipient peer.
l	25. The system of claim 22, further comprising:
2	retrieving supplemental information about the active media content by
3	querving a content enhancement server.

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1	26.	The method of claim 25, wherein the supplemental information
2	includes graphic file	es related to the active media.
1	27.	The method of claim 22, further comprising:
2	sending (	ransaction information related to the active media content to the
3	re	ecipient peer responsive to the recipient peer receiving information
4	a	bout active media content; and
5	processir	ng a transaction related to the transaction information.
1	28.	The method of claim 27, wherein the transaction is a purchase of
2	the active media cor	ntent.
1	29.	The system of claim 22, wherein the activating comprises a first
2	media player activat	ing media content, and the receiving comprises a chat module
3	receiving active med	lia content information.
1	30.	The method of claim 22, wherein the active media content is an
2	audio file.	
1	31.	The method of claim 22, wherein the information comprises a title
2	and a type of the act	ive media content.
1	32.	The method of claim 22, further comprising:
2	updating	active media content information at the recipient peer responsive to a
3	cl	hange of active media content at the sender peer.
1	33.	A computer program product, comprising:

2	a computer-readable medium naving computer program instructions and data
3	embodied thereon for sharing information about an active content of a
4	sender peer with a recipient peer, comprising:
5	activating content from a data file at the sender peer;
6	sending information about the active media content responsive to
7	detecting active content from the sender peer; and
8	receiving and outputting information about the active content at
9	the recipient peer.
1	34. The computer program product of claim 33, further comprising
2	instructions and data for:
3	streaming the active content through the peer-to-peer network to the recipient
4	peer.
1	35. The computer program product of claim 34, further comprising
2	instructions and data for:
3	activating the active content stream at the sender peer.
1	36. The computer program product of claim 33, further comprising
2	instructions and data for:
3	retrieving supplemental information about the active content by querying a
4	content enhancement server with a unique identifier.

1	37. The computer program product of claim 33, further comprising
2	instructions and data for:
3	sending transaction information related to the active content to the recipient
4	peer responsive to the recipient peer receiving information about
5	active content; and
6	processing a transaction related to the transaction information.
1	38. The computer program product of claim 37, wherein the
2	transaction is a purchase of the active content.
1	39. The computer program product of claim 33, wherein activating
2	comprises a first media player activating media content, and receiving comprises a cha
3	module receiving active media content information.
1	40. The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the active
2	content comprises an active media content.
1	41. The computer program product of claim 33, further comprising
2	instructions and data for:
3	updating active content information at the recipient peer responsive to a
4	change of active content at the sender peer.
1	42. A recipient chat module in a system for sharing active content
2	between a plurality of peers, comprising:
3	a communications module for receiving a one or more unique identifiers
1	hased on shared active content on one or more sender neers:

)	a graphical user interface module for outputting one or more shared active
5	content information and receiving a selection of shared active content
7	associated with one of the one or more sender peers; and
3	a client module for sending a content stream request and receiving an active
9	content stream.
l	43. The recipient chat module of clam 42, wherein the content stream
2	request comprises the unique identifier, and the recipient chat module sends the content
3	stream request to a content enhancement server containing previews of the associated
1	active content.
l	44. The recipient chat module of clam 42, further comprising an
2	application module for activating the received active content stream.